

INTRODUCED: 04/26/2010

REFERRED TO: Economic Development Committee

SPONSOR: Councillor Cardwell

DIGEST: designates all of the City of Indianapolis and Marion County as a recovery zone for purposes of the 2009 Federal Stimulus Act

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Indianapolis Bond Bank

Drafted by: Denise Barkdull, Bond Counsel

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Published Notice of Public Hearing

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: _____

Date: April 21, 2010

CITY-COUNTY GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. , 2010

A PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL RESOLUTION designating all of the City of Indianapolis and Marion County as a recovery zone for purposes of the 2009 Federal Stimulus Act.

WHEREAS, the City-County Council (the "Council") of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana (the "City"), on behalf of the City and Marion County Indiana, (the "County"), has caused an investigation to be made to determine whether all or a portion of the City and the County should be designated as a recovery zone under and pursuant to Section 1401 of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Stimulus Act");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Stimulus Act, the County, the City (incorporated) and the City (consolidated) are each allocated a certain amount of recovery zone economic development bonds (the "Recovery Zone Cap") and a certain amount of recovery zone facility bonds (the "Recovery Zone Facility Cap"), each as described in Article VIII of Chapter 181 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County, and on behalf of each of such entities, the Council desires to designate a recovery zone;

WHEREAS, the Stimulus Act provides that a recovery zone includes areas:

(1) having significant:

- (A) poverty;
- (B) unemployment;
- (C) rate of home foreclosures; or
- (D) general distress;

(2) economically distressed by reason of the closure or realignment of a military installation pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990; and

(3) for which a designation as an empowerment zone or renewal community is in effect;

WHEREAS, the Council has caused to be prepared a factual report (the "Report") in support of the findings contained in this resolution, which Report is attached to and incorporated by reference in this resolution;

WHEREAS, the Council published notice on April 30, 2010, of a hearing to be held by the Council pursuant to IC 5-3-1 on the proposed designation of a recovery zone in the *Indianapolis Star*, a newspaper published in the City and the County; and

WHEREAS, the Council on the date hereof, conducted a public hearing at which the Council heard all persons interested in the proceedings; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The Council hereby finds and determines that the entire area within the boundaries of Marion County, Indiana (the "Marion County Recovery Zone") is an area: (i) having significant poverty, unemployment, rate of home foreclosures or general distress.

SECTION 2. The Marion County Recovery Zone is hereby designated as an economic recovery zone within the meaning of Section 1401 of the Stimulus Act.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of _____, 2010, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

Ryan Vaughn
President, City-County Council

Melissa Thompson
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

Melissa Thompson
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor

FACTUAL REPORT IN SUPPORT
OF FINDINGS CONTAINED IN
RESOLUTION NO. ____ 2010
OF THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

- (a) The Marion County Recovery Zone has experienced significant poverty as demonstrated by:

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the poverty rates for Marion County are as follows:

Poverty	Individuals	Families
2000 Census	11.40%	8.70%
2006-2008 American Community Survey	15.60%	11.80%

- (b) The Marion County Recovery Zone has experienced significant unemployment as demonstrated by:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, the unemployment rates in Marion County have grown from 2.7% in 2000 to 8.4% in 2009. The average unemployment rate for the past fourteen months is 8.8%. See the table below.

<u>Unemployment (yearly averages)</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2000	2.70%
2001	3.70%
2002	5.20%
2003	5.40%
2004	5.40%
2005	5.50%
2006	4.90%
2007	4.50%
2008	5.60%
2009	8.40%
Average for the latest 14 months	8.80%

- (c) The Marion County Recovery Zone has experienced a significant rate of home foreclosures as demonstrated by:

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the number of housing units in Marion County in 2000 was 190,702 and according to the Marion County Sheriff's Department there were 3,483 foreclosures in 2000. Additional foreclosure data is described in the table below:

Year	Foreclosures	Estimated Owner-Occupied Housing Units
2007	8,739	200,045
2008	9,582	200,267
2009	9,514	200,418